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Title:	TRANSGENIC MICE EXPRESSING HUMAN CD20 AND/OR CD16		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to a Restriction Requirement mailed June 1, 2007.

The Examiner required restriction of the present claims to one of the following groups: Group I: claims 1–10 and 16–18, drawn to a transgenic animal whose genome comprises two transgenes, human CD20 and a subunit of a heterologous FcγIII receptor; Group II: claims 11, 13, 14, 21 and 22, drawn to a method for using the transgenic mouse of Group I; Group III: claims 12 and 15 drawn to an agent; Group IV: claim 19, drawn to a method of using the transgenic animal of Group I; and Group V: claim 20 drawn to a method of using the transgenic animal of Group I.

Without acquiescing to the statements made in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1–10 and 16–18) for prosecution in the present application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement, because the Examiner has not established that it would be unduly burdensome to search and examine all the claims. The inventions of Groups I–V are classified in the same search class. The claims of Group I are product claims and Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of the withdrawn method claims on allowance of the pending claims. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

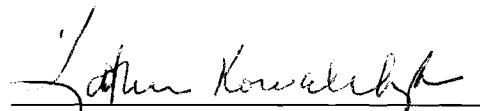
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Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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